

memorandum

Date: December 11, 2003

Subject: Approval of Critical Decision (CD) 4 for the Glovebox Excavator Method (GEM) Project - (EM-ER-03-300)

To: Elizabeth D. Sellers, Manager

Through: John F. Kotek, Deputy Manager JFL
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From: Jeff Snook, Manager, Waste Area Group 7

Issue: The project has completed construction, turned facility management over to Operations, and is ready to commence excavation operations.

Background: The OU 7-10 GEM Project will demonstrate safe and effective retrieval of transuranic waste from a specified and preselected area of Pit 9 in the subsurface disposal area (SDA).


CD-0 through CD-3 are complete. All prerequisites for CD-4 as defined in DOE O 413.3-1 have been met. All readiness assessments are complete and all prestart findings required to commence overburden removal have been closed. The Waste Management Acting Division Director has certified readiness to commence operations.

Sensitivity: Commencement of operations by March 31, 2004 will fulfill the requirements of paragraph 3.1.6 of the Agreement to Resolve Disputes.

Policy Impact: None

Recommendation: Approve CD 4.


Jeff Snook, Manager
Waste Area Group 7

Approve 
(Elizabeth D. Sellers, Manager)

Date 12/11/03

Disapprove _____

Date _____